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## Longfellow NHS News Release

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### Longfellow House Re-opens for Summer Season May 21, 2003

Cambridge, MA--Longfellow National Historic Site, located at 105 Brattle Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts, will re-open to walk-in visitors and groups for the summer season beginning Saturday, May 21, 2003.

Visitor hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Park is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Researchers wishing to consult museum collections of Longfellow NHS may arrange for an appointment by contacting the Supervisory Museum Curator at (617) 876-4491. Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm during the summer season.

For further information, contact Longfellow National Historic Site at (617) 876-4491.

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The farm had everything the family wanted, including a gentle climate and ample pasture for Mrs. Sandburg’s goat herd and seclusion for her husband’s writing. Carl Sandburg would call it home for 22 years. The estate had a long history—an ironic history for the biographer of Abraham Lincoln—for Christopher Memminger, who built the main residence around 1838, had served from 1861 to 1864 as Secretary of the Confederate Treasury. The second occupant was textile tycoon Ellison Smyth who named it Connemara to honor his Irish ancestry. Smyth’s heirs sold it to the Sandburgs. The Sandburgs moved from Michigan with their three daughters, two grandchildren, a library of more than 14,000 volumes, and the Chikaming goat herd.